लिए सरकार से समय–समय पर संपर्क करते हैं। सरकार स्वयं भी प्रकाशकों के सूचीपत्रों से पुस्तकों का चयन करती है। पुस्तकों का चयन विदेश प्रचार के दृष्टिकोण से पुस्तकों की उपादेयता के आधार पर किया जाता है। 1992–93 के दौरान इन पुस्तकों की खरीद पर 8.14 लाख रुपये व्यय हुए।

इसके अतिरिक्त भारतीय मिशनों को उनके पुस्तकालयों तथा स्थानीय संगठनों/ संस्थानों को उपहार स्वरूप देने के लिए हिन्दी पुस्तकें भेजी जाती हैं। ये पुस्तकें विदेश स्थित भारतीय मिशनों के माध्यम से हिन्दी के प्रचार–प्रसार की योजना के अन्तर्गत खरीदी जाती हैं। हिन्दी पुस्तकों का चयन एक निश्चित क्रियाविधि के माध्यम से किया जाता है। हिंदी प्रकाशकों से प्रविष्टियां मंगाई जाती हैं। तत्पश्चात इनको पुस्तक चयन समिति के सम्मुख रखा जाता है। जिसके 8 गैर–सरकारी और 4 सरकारी सदस्य हैं। पुस्तकों की खरीद खुली निविदा प्रणाली के माध्यम से की जाती है

वर्ष 1992–93 में लगभग कुल 14.50 लाख रूपए हिन्दी पुस्तकों की खरीद तथा उनके प्रेषण पर व्यय हुए।

Harrasment to Indian Nationals in South Africa

4637. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to a press news item captioned "Indians intimated in South Africa" as reported in the Statesman dated 16th March, 1994;

(b) if so, whether the Indians residing in South Africa are being harassed and posing fear in their minds about their pro-perties;

(c) if go, the reaction of Government thereto;

(d) whether Government propos to take up the matter with the South African Government; and

(e) if to, the detail* therof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) to (e) Government are aware that there has been a considerable deterioration in the law and order situation in South Africa and some incidents involvng persons of Indian origin have taken place. The article in "The Statesman" of March 16, 1994, refers to "people of Indian origin" in the Natal region of South Africa. As the affected persons are *citizens of South Africa,* the responsibility for their security lies with the south African authorities and Govemment have no locus standi to take up the matter. The article does not refer to any Indian citizen having being subject to intimidation in Natal.

Pak threat to raise Kashmir issue in International Fora

4638. SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a newsitem appearing in the Hindustan Times of 14th March, 1994 in which the Pak Premier is reported to have threatened to raise the Kashmir issue over and over again in all international fora;

(b) whether the newsitem also carries an accusation by the Pak Primier against India backtracking from its commitment in the UNHRC, recently held in Geneva, to allow Muslim diplomats to visit Jammu and Kashmir; and

(c) if so, what are the facts of the case and what concrete steps Government are taking to counter the media war unleashed by Pakistan against India in and outside Pakistan and thwart Pakistan's attemps to further Internationalise the Kashmr issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHEED) : (a) to (c) Government has seem the niws

item in Hindustan Times dated 14-3-94 where the Pakistani PM threatened to raise the Kashmir issue over and over again in international fora. During the 50th. session of the UN Human Rights Commission, Pakistan had tabled a resolution on alleged human rights violations in J&K which calfed for a fact-finding mission to be sent to J&K. However, as a result of intense lobbying by India, Pakistan was isolated and following an appeal by Iran and several other countries, Pakistan withdraw the proposed resolution. Iranian appeal to Pakistan to withdraw the resolution also referred to facilitation of a visit by envoys from Islamic countries by India to J&K.

Pakistan's withdrawal of the resolution was voluntary and unconditional. The Iranian statement was made unilaterally and is not binding on India.

The Government of India is vigilant on all steps being taken by Pakistan to internationalise the Kashmir issue and to thwart any media war being unleashed' by Pakistan. Prior to and during the UN Commission on Human Rights Session, India had repeatedly drawn the International Community's attention to the true facts regarding the situation in J&K and Pakistan's interference in India's internal affairs by aiding and abetting terrorism in India. Pakistan's isolation at the 50th UN Human Rights Commission Session is a vindication of our efforts to thwart any Pakistani effort to internationalise J&K issue.

Dialogue with Pakistan in Kashmir issue

4639. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK : Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Pakistan has agreed to have a dialogue with India on Kashmir issue ;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether any date has been fixed to hold meetings between both the countries; and

(d) if so, the details thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA) : (a) and (b) On 21 March, 1994 Government reiterarsted to the Government of Pakistan its readiness to resolve all outstanding issues, including differences relating to J&K, peacefully and through bilateral negotiations within the framework of the Simla Agreement. Accordingly, Government have proposed that the Eighth round of Foreign Secretary level talks be resumed either in New Delhi or Islamabad. Pakistan has not yet conveyed its response to this proposal.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

विदेश स्थित भारतीय दूतावासों में समाचार पत्रों और पत्रिकाओं की आपूर्ति

4640. **मोहम्मद अफजल उर्फ भीम अफजल :** क्या विदेश मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सरकार विदेश स्थित भारतीय दूतावासों को भेजे जाने के लिए समाचार पत्रों तथा पत्रिकाओं की प्रतियां खरीदती हैं;

(ख) यदि हां तो उन समाचार पत्रों और पत्रिकाओं के नाम क्या-क्या हैं और प्रत्येक की कितनी-कितनी प्रतियां खरीदी जा रही हैं और उस पर कितनी धन-राशि खर्च की जा रही है तथा उनके भेजे जाने के संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यदि उपर्युक्त भाग (क) का उत्तर "हां" में हो तो इन समाचार पत्रों का चयन कौन करता है ?

विदेश मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री आर० एल० भाटिया) :

(क) जी हां ।

(ख) समाचार पत्रों/पत्रिकाओं के नाम, प्रत्येक की कितनी प्रतियां खरीदी जाती रही हैं और इन पर होने वाला व्यय तथा उनके वितरण का ब्यौरा विवरण I और II में दिया गया है (नीचे देखिए) ।